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Honorable J. Frederick Motz
United States District Judge
340 United States Courthouse
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: United States v. One 1997 Mercedes Benz
Civil No. JFM-02-2981

Dear Judge Motz:

This is to provide a further status regarding the above-referenced matter.

As stated in the status letter on April 24, 2003, the government obtained documents in an attempt to complete discovery. The government has reviewed those documents and provided a copy to the claimant's attorney. Once the claimant's attorney has reviewed the documents, the government intends to forward a proposed settlement.

The government will provide a further status no later than June 15, 2003.

Thank you for your continued patience in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Thomas M. DiBiagio
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cc: AUSA Jacabed Rodriguez-Coss